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S E C R E T TRIPOLI 0368

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER CRASH

REF: TRIPOLI 0367

1. SWISS CHARGE RELATED TO ME FOLLOWING DETAILS ABOUT
HELICOPTER CRASH WHICH HE HAD OBTAINED EARLIER TODAY (MAR 8)
IN CONVERSATION WITH GDR AMBASSADOR SEIDEL.

2. DELEGATION HAD BEEN VISITING AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN
TRIPOLI AREA HAVING ARRIVED AT SCENE AT 4 P.M. ON AFTERNOON
OF CRASH. HELICOPTER PROBABLY FRENCH SUPER FRELON, ONE
USUALLY USED BY QADHAFI OR JALLUD, DEPARTED SCENE OF PROJECT
APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M. FOR RETURN TO TRIPOLI. THREE OR
FOUR MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF EXPLOSION OCCURRED. HELICOPTER
CRASHED KILLING ALL OCCUPANTS. GDR AIR FORCE OFFICER ON
STAFF OF EMBASSY HERE WAS FLOWN TO CRASH SITE SHORTLY
THEREAFTER AND CONFIRMED THAT INTERNAL EXPLOSION WAS CAUSE
OF ACCIDENT AND ON SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION COULD FIND
NO EVIDENCE OF TECHNICAL FAILURE.

3. SWISS CHARGE INDICATED THAT GDR AMBASSADOR HAD SPOKEN
TO HIM QUITE FRANKLY, APPARENTLY STILL IN STATE OF SHOCK
OVER EVENTS. IMPLICATIONS OF THIS STORY ARE, OF COURSE,
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THAT POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE LOOMS SOMEWHAT LARGER.
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